

Whitby Rural District

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for the

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of the

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

This year is a very important one in the history of the Whitby Rural District, in that by the end of the year all 31 of the district's villages have been sewered. A matter on which the community can take particular pride is that the schemes completed were designed and directed by the Council's own staff under the leadership of Mr. Leech.

At Grosmont a housing clearance area has been turned into a very attractive open space.

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

B. SCHROEDER,

Medical Officer of Health.

The District Health Office,
Grape Lane, Whitby.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, 1968.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office held.	Whole or part time.	Other Public Offices held.
B. SCHROEDER	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health.	Whole.	Medical Officer of Health, Whitby U.D.C. Assistant County Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.
F. J. THOMPSON	M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Chief Public Health Inspector	Whole.	
A. H. GILL	F.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Additional Public Health Inspector.	Whole.	

STATISTICS AND LOCAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Population—

Registrar-General's Estimate, mid-1968	11,630
Rateable value at 1st April, 1969	£275,164
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1968-69	1,068

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	74	79	153
Illegitimate	3	8	11
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Totals	77	87	164
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Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	14.1
Ratio of Local Adjusted Birth Rate to National Rate ...	1.06
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales	16.9

	Male	Female	Total
Still Births—Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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Totals	1	0	1
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Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	6
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births, England and Wales	14

Deaths of Infants under one year—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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Totals	2	0	2
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Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births ...	12
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1000 live births, England and Wales	18

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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Totals	2	0	2
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Deaths of Infants under 1 week old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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Totals	1	0	1
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	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	67	80	147
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			12.6
Ratio of Local Adjusted Death Rate to National Rate ...			0.88
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales			11.9

COMMENT ON VITAL STATISTICS.

The statistics for the area are good. When corrected for the age and sex distribution of the population the birth rate is above average (1.06) and the death rate below average (0.88), the National figure being 1.0.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(Other than Tuberculosis)

Infectious diseases were notified as follows :—

Measles	44
Whooping Cough	11
Scarlet Fever	1
Dysentery	4
Inf. Hepatitis	15

TUBERCULOSIS, 1968.

During the year one case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1968—MALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 weeks				4 weeks & under 1 year				Age in Years				75 & over	Total All Ages
	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1--	5--	15--	25--	35--	45--	55--	65--				
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	3	
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	3	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	2	8	
Anaemias	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Other Diseases of Nervous System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Hypertensive Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Ischaemic Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	6	—	7	20	
Other Forms of Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Cerebrovascular Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	7	9	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	5	
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	4	
Bronchitis and Emphysema	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	
Peptic Ulcer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Other Diseases of Digestive System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	
Congenital Anomalies	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
All Other Accidents	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
Total—All Causes	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	13	21	27	67		

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1968—FEMALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 weeks		Age in Years							75 & over		Total All Ages
	4 weeks	1 year	1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75 & over	
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	5	10
Diabetes Mellitus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3
Diseases of Nervous System	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	16	25
Other Forms of Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	13	19
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
All Other Accidents	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Total—All Causes	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	8	19	51	80

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Water Engineer, Scarborough Corporation, kindly informed me of the result of his department's water sampling in this district, as follows :—

Bacteriological examinations: 812 satisfactory, 63 unsatisfactory.

In addition to these, frequent tests for free chlorine and for lack of acidity have been done by me.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY, 1968.

The Organising Secretary of the Mass Radiography Unit has kindly supplied the following information :—

Whitby Area Attendances, 1968.

	Male	Female	Total
Whitby	120	248	368

Referrals.

Five persons were referred to the Chest Physician with the following results :—

Bronchial Carcinoma	1
Inactive Pulmonart Tuberculosis	2
Pulmonary Fibrosis	1
Chronic Bronchitis	1

HOSPITALS.

The Hospitals in Whitby are administered by the Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton and Whitby Group Hospital Management Committee :—

(1) **WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with an Out-patient Department.

(2) **ST. HILDA'S HOSPITAL.**

Specially equipped for the care of the aged sick.

(3) **ESKDALE HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with a Maternity Ward.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarborough and Middlesbrough Infectious Diseases Hospitals are available for the admission of cases requiring isolation.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE AREA BY THE NORTH RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

Infant Welfare Centres are held as follows:—

Grape Lane, Whitby:

Each Tuesday, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

Women's Institute, Hinderwell:

Alternate Thursdays, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

Temperance Hall, Castleton.

Third Wednesday each month, 2.15—4.15 p.m.

Nelson Memorial Hall, Lealholm:

Second Friday each month, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

The Institute, Sleights:

Third Monday each month, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

The Ante-Natal Clinic at Grape Lane, Whitby, is held each Wednesday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

When required, patients attending Centres and Clinics may be referred to the following special clinics, also held at Grape Lane, Whitby.

Orthopaedic Clinic.

Artificial Sunlight Clinic.

Speech Therapy Clinic.

Dental Clinic.

Child Guidance Clinic.

Eye Clinic

(held at W. M. Hospital).

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY SCREENING SERVICE.

This free service is available by appointment for women between the ages of 30 and 65 years, for early detection of cancer of the cervix.

Home Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.

For the purpose of these services, Whitby Rural District is divided into nursing areas as follows:—

Area.	Nurse's Name and Address.	Tel. No.
Danby and Castleton	MRS. E. M. THOMAS, South View, Danby.	Castleton 449.
Glaisdale	MRS. M. JAGGAR, "Honey Bee Nest," Glaisdale.	Glaisdale 257.
Goathland, Grosmont and Sleights	MISS M. ALTON, 2a, Birch Avenue, Sleights.	Sleights 471.
Hinderwell and Staithes	MRS. E. LONGSTER, 48, Seaton Crescent, Staithes. Retired, May, 1969.	Hinderwell 246.
Lythe	MRS. D. GALLOWAY, Nurse's House, Lythe.	Sandsend 273.
Fylingdales	MISS M. SMITH, 14, Middlewood Close, Fylingthorpe.	R.H.B. 367.
Midwifery Only. Fylingdales	MISS W. BREThERICK 2 Scraper Lane, Stainsacre.	Whitby 2963.

The duties of Health Visitors include the visiting of homes for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children. It is their duty to visit every home where there is a child below school age, so that the mother may be encouraged to discuss even the most trivial worry with the Health Visitor, who may then reassure her or get her to seek expert advice.

In addition, they visit and advise expectant or nursing mothers, persons suffering from illness, including tuberculosis, and aged persons.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

Vaccinations and immunisations against Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Smallpox and Whooping Cough were done by family doctors, or at the infant welfare centres. In addition, it has been routine practice during the year for Dr. Binns and I to offer boosters to schoolchildren, as follows :—

Poliomyelitis.—On school entry.

Diphtheria.—During second year at school.

Smallpox.—During third year at school.

Ambulance Service.

Two large ambulances and two small ambulances are housed in a garage off Stakesby Road, Whitby.

Escort duties in the ambulance service have been undertaken by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society.

Domestic Help Service.

Helps are provided when necessary, and 56 cases in the Rural District received assistance during 1968.

Payment for the service of a domestic help depends on income and necessary expenses, and varies from a possible full rate of 6/6 an hour to a free service.

Mental Health Services.

The Mental Health Services are administered direct by the County Council. The Mental Welfare Officer for the area operates from The District Welfare Office, Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 3635.

Welfare Services.

The office of the District Welfare Officer, who sees to the welfare of old people, is at Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 3635.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

An active Voluntary Care Committee serves the needs of the area, its chief functions being to provide extra nourishment, clothing, bedding, medical comforts, nursing equipment, etc., and to do everything possible for the welfare of sick persons.

The Secretary of the Care Committee, Mr. K. Birdsall, has provided the following report :—

“During the year ended 31st December, 1968, the following items of assistance have been given :—

Chiropody Service.

Four chiropodists have participated in the scheme, treatment being offered to the following classes on the recommendation of the family doctor :—

- Men over 65 years old.
- Women over 60 years old.
- Physically handicapped persons.
- Persons with mental illness.
- Expectant mothers.

A total of 3,847 treatments were given, compared with 3,853 in the previous year. The treatments were effected as follows :—

At Chiropodists' surgeries	2410	(2473)
At Clinic Sessions—Whitby	633	(562)
Glaisdale ...	98	(101)
Castleton ...	95	(98)
Hinderwell ...	100	(108)
Sleights	106	(117)
Goathland ...	83	(80)
At Patients' Homes	322	(314)

Equipment Loaned Out.

Air Rings, Sorbo Cushions, etc.	15
Feeding Cups	4
Bed Cradles	3
Bed Rests	11
Bedpans and Urinals	45
Dunlopillo Mattresses	3
Lifting Chain	2
Rubber Sheets	20
Wheelchairs	17
Commodes	5
Crutches	1
Walking Aids	2
Bed Blocks	1

National Society for Cancer Relief.

Grants have been paid in four cases during the year.

Miscellaneous.

Two patients received extra nourishment, consisting of seven jars Bovril and twenty four packets Complian.

Travelling expenses paid to relatives of a patient in Bridlington Convalescent Home on one occasion.

Meals Service.

The Council finances three meals schemes, in Danby, Sleights and Staithes, which are organised by the W.R.V.S. for the benefit of elderly people. Meals are supplied twice weekly, and 3,975 meals were delivered during the year.

Danby	1461 Meals
Sleights	1500 Meals
Staithes	954 Meals

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**TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Annual Report on the Sanitary Circumstances of the District and on the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department for the year 1968.

All 22 parishes have a mains water supply which is owned by the Scarborough Corporation. 86% of the houses in the district are connected to these mains, the remaining 684 houses being largely beyond the reach of water mains and having private supplies. Scarborough Corporation continued their programme of improvements and mains extensions and renewals. I am grateful to Mr. H. South, the Scarborough Corporation's Water Engineer and Manager, for supplying much of the information relating to water supplies.

The provision of village sewerage schemes continued during the year under the direction of Mr. G. Leach, the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, and schemes were completed at Esk Valley, Lealholm and Mickleby. All 31 of the larger villages have now been sewered and Ruswarp, Sneaton and Ugglebarnby villages are included in the proposed joint scheme with Whitby Urban District Council which has received Ministry approval. This leaves 12 small communities mainly with less than 20 houses each to be dealt with. 117 houses were connected to sewers during the year and 74% of the houses in the district now have main drainage. 51 dry closets were replaced by water closets.

Substantial progress was again made with housing improvements under the grant schemes. 74 houses were improved, making a total of 797 houses improved since the inception of the grant schemes, or 16% of all the houses in the district (20% of the pre-war houses). Grants total £152,774 8s. 3d. so far. 26 houses were built by the Council and 43 by private enterprise.

Meat inspection continued to take up a substantial part of our time and 556 visits were made to the two slaughterhouses to ensure that the carcasses and offals of all 9,163 animals slaughtered were inspected.

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

F. J. THOMPSON,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY

General.

The public water supplies in the Whitby Rural District are closely linked with those in the Whitby Urban District and are owned by the Scarborough Corporation.

The principal supplies in the District are the Regional Water Scheme, the River Esk extraction Scheme at Ruswarp, Goathland Water Scheme and the Randymere Reservoir supply. These supplies are chlorinated and are subject to filtration and treatment to counteract possible plumbo-solvency. There are separate schemes for supplying Goathland and Commondale.

With regard to quantity and quality of the supplies, the policy of extending the area of the major sources of supply giving a strictly controlled quality of water has continued and further small local spring supplies cut off, or the take reduced. The number of minor difficulties regarding quality has therefore been reduced, and schemes are proceeding to give increased quantities. Schemes nearing completion are the Goathland Scheme to replace local springs with Hazel Head water, and Ugglebarnby Booster Scheme to give large pumping capacity to the Robin Hood's Bay area and eliminate further springs in this locality. Further chlorination plant has been installed and older plant is being replaced with new chlorinators. The maintenance and inspection of reservoirs is being increased to avoid any local ingress of water into the system.

Chemical analysis reports in the Whitby Rural District show that the maximum fluoride content for the area is 0.1 p.p.m.

Renewals and Extensions.

The following mains were laid in the Whitby Rural District either to boost supplies or as renewals or extensions to existing supplies.

Lowdale, Sleights.—84 yards of 3in. dia. main.

Ellerby.—102 yards of 3in. dia. main.

Coronation Avenue, Hinderwell.—166 yards of 3in. dia. main.

Off High Street, Castleton.—160 yards of 3in. dia. main.

East Barnby.—130 yards of 3in. dia. main.

Runswick Bay.—125 yards of 1½in. dia. main.

New Schemes .

The scheme commenced last year to extend the water main system from Pokeham Brow reservoir to the Hobbin Head district has been completed.

The scheme to supply the villages of Goathland and Beckhole with water from the Wheeldale and Hazel Head sources in place of the local springs is nearly complete.

Water Schemes owned by Scarborough Corporation.

The Regional water scheme supplies Aislaby, Ainthorpe, Borrowby, Botton Hall, Castleton, Danby, Dunsley, East and West Barnby, Egton, Egton Bridge, Ellerby, Fylingthorpe, Goldsborough, Grosmont, Glaisdale, Hawsker, Hinderwell, Houlsyke, Hutton Mulgrave, Iburndale, Kettleness, Lealholm, Lythe, Mickleby, Newholm, Newton Mulgrave, Port Mulgrave, Raw, Robin Hood's Bay, Roxby, Runswick Bay, Sandsend, Scaling, Sneaton, Stainsacre, Staithes, Sleights, Ugglebarnby and Ugthorpe. Goathland and Commondale have separate schemes.

Privately-owned Water Schemes.

Only two privately-owned supplies remain in the District at Esk Valley and Westerdale. These schemes are very small and negotiations are in hand to take over these supplies.

Piped Supplies to Dwellinghouses.

Sixty new houses and 31 existing houses were connected to the Scarborough Corporation's water mains during the year, and at the end of the year 4,320 houses were connected to the Corporation's mains. 684 houses are supplied from small private schemes or individual springs. Due to the size of the District and contours of the land some of these properties cannot be supplied from the Corporation's mains. There are no public standpipes in the area for supplying houses with water for domestic purposes.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

New Schemes.

At the end of the year a Joint Scheme for the sewerage of parts of the Whitby Urban and Rural Districts was awaiting Ministry approval. The proposed scheme provides for the drainage of sewage from the present works at Sleights to the sea outfall at Whitby and the connection of new sewers which will serve the villages of Sneaton, Ugglebarnby and that part of Ruswarp which is in the Rural District.

During the year a group contract for the sewerage schemes at Botton Village, Butt Lane, Fylingthorpe, Commondale, Esk Valley, Lealholm, Westerdale and the re-sewering of Mickleby was completed.

The Council have now completed the programme started in 1946 and have provided sewerage schemes in all the major villages in their area. The Council can now consider small drainage plants to serve groups of houses in hamlets, but none of these groups number more than twenty houses, and many properties already have their own septic tanks.

One hundred and seventeen houses were connected to the Council's sewers during the year. Of the 5,004 houses in the District, 3,683 are connected to sewers. In addition it is estimated that 1,055 houses are connected to private septic tanks.

General.

The position regarding the sewerage of the various villages at the end of the year is as shown in the following tables :—

Villages Properly Sewered (31).

Aislaby, Sleights, Iburndale	Combined scheme, sewage treatment works.
Ainthorpe, Castleton, Danby	Combined scheme, sewage treatment works.
Botton Village	Sewage treatment works.
Commondale	Sewage treatment works.
East Barnby	Sewage treatment works.
Egton and Egton Bridge ...	Combined scheme, sewage treatment works.
Runswick Bay, Ellerby, Port Mulgrave	Combined scheme, sea outfall.
Glaisdale	Sewage treatment works.
Goathland	Three separate schemes, all with sewage treatment works.
Grosmont	Sewage treatment works.
Hawsker	Sewage treatment works.
Dalehouse, Hinderwell and Staithes	Combined scheme, sea outfall.
Lealholm	Sewage treatment works.
Mickleby	Sewage treatment works.
Newholm	Sewage treatment works.
Robin Hood's Bay and Fylingthorpe	Combined scheme, sea outfall.
Sandsend and Lythe	Combined scheme, sea outfall.
Stainsacre	Sewage treatment works.
Ugthorpe	Sewage treatment works.
Westerdale	Sewage treatment works.

Villages Needing Sewering (2).

Sneaton and Ugglebarnby (scheme awaiting approval).

Small Villages whose sewerage can now be considered (12).

Borrowby, Beckhole and Green End, Goathland ; Dunsley ; Golden Grove ; Goldsborough and Kettleness ; Houlsyke ; Littlebeck ; Raw ; Roxby ; West Barnby.

Closet Accommodation.

Fifty-one conversions of dry closets to water closets were made during the year. These conversions are mainly due to the provision of new sewers and the provision of Improvement Grants. The Council make a grant of £5 towards the conversion of earth closets, providing these have not been grant-aided.

Number of dry closets converted to W.C.'s	51
Estimated number of houses with W.C.'s	4738
Estimated number of houses with dry closets	266

General.

The Council have eighteen separate sewerage works where effluents discharge to rivers or watercourses, and three men are employed by the Council (under the supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor) on maintenance of the works.

During the year drainage from silage pits caused heavy pollution in one of the tributaries of the Esk and after consultation with the Yorkshire Ouse and Hull River Authority, it was decided to write to all farmers in the Council's District warning them that the discharge of silage effluent to watercourses is an offence and suggesting alternative methods of dealing with this waste. The effluent from a ton of unwilted grass can cause as much pollution as a day's output of crude sewage from a village of 400 people, and therefore the drainage of this effluent to watercourses must be stopped.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Refuse Collection Service.

This work is carried out by direct labour and eleven men with three lorries are employed in emptying dustbins and dry closets in all villages.

The Rural district covers an area of 178 square miles, and the population is spread over 52 villages and hamlets. A weekly collection of refuse is provided for all the main villages, and a fortnightly collection for the smaller villages and hamlets. While this service can be considered good, the ultimate aim must be to provide for a weekly collection throughout the whole of the district.

The cost of refuse collection and disposal for the year ended 31st March, 1969, was £17,935, equivalent to a rate of 16.8d. in the £.

Weekly Collection (31 Villages).

Ainthorpe, Aislaby, Castleton, Commondale, Danby, Egton, Egton Bridge, Glaisdale, Goathland, Grosmont, Hawsker, Hinderwell, Houlseyke, Iburndale, Lealholm, Lythe, Mickleby, Newholm, Port Mulgrave, Robin Hood's Bay, Runswick Bay, Ruswarp, Sandsend, Sleights, Sneaton, Stainsacre, Staithes, Stonegate, Thorpe, Ugglebarnby, Westerdale.

Fortnightly Collection (21 Villages).

Barnby East and West, Beckhole, Borrowby, Dalehouse, Dunsley, Ellerby, Esk Valley, Golden Grove, Goldsborough, Green End, Kettleness, Littlebeck, Flask Inn, Fryup, Fyling Hall, Newton Mulgrave, Raw, Roxby, Scaling, Ugthorpe.

Refuse Disposal.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping in disused quarries at Goathland and Mickleby, where the Council employ one driver with a Massey-Ferguson Tractor Shovel to level and cover the refuse.

During the year the proportion of refuse disposed of at each place was as follows :—

Mickleby Tip	720 loads
Goathland Tip	299 loads
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	1,019 loads
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The number of loads collected and disposed of was 34 more than in 1967 and the estimated tonnage was 3,760 tons.

The Council received £269 15s. 0d. in respect of trade waste disposed of at Mickleby Tip from outside the Council's area.

Septic Tank Emptying.

One hundred and eighty-six privately-owned and eighteen Council septic tanks were emptied during the year, amounting to 247½ 750 gallon loads.

Householders with septic tanks in unsewered areas of the district can have their tanks emptied once per year at no charge; subsequent emptying in the year is charged for at £3. Where sewers have been provided householders with septic tanks are charged an economic fee of £3, subject to no charge where the tank is emptied for the last time.

The income from septic tank emptying in the year was £367 17s. 6d.

Salvage.

Salvage work is undertaken in conjunction with the collection and disposal of refuse, and the following table shows the weight of the various materials sold during the year.

Material	Weight				Value		
	T.	C.	Qr.	lbs.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	18	11	0	0	139	2	6
Rags, Woollens, etc.					4	0	0
Scrap Metals						7	6
					<hr/> £143 10 0 <hr/>		

Street Sweeping.

The Council employ two permanent workmen at the seaside villages of Robin Hood's Bay, Staithes, Hinderwell and Runswick Bay, where regular sweeping must be carried out during the summer season because of visitors, day trippers and motorists frequenting these popular villages. In the last two years it has been necessary to engage part-time sweepers in these areas during the summer because of the increased litter.

The Council also employ a handyman who spends a large part of his time in summer clearing litter from car parks and lay-bys.

Public Conveniences.

The Council owns and maintains Public Conveniences at Castleton, Danby, Egton, Egton Bridge, Fylingthorpe, Glaisdale, Grosmont, Hinderwell, Lealholm, Robin Hood's Bay (2), Runswick Bay, Sleights, Staithes (2), Sandsend and Westerdale.

The Council also maintains and cleanses Public Conveniences owned by the Mulgrave Estates at East Row and Sandsend, and Public Conveniences built by the North Riding County Council at Goathland.

Three full-time workmen and two part-time workmen in summer are engaged on cleaning Public Conveniences, grass cutting and street sweeping.

HOUSING.

Inspection cards completed during the Rural Housing Survey in 1949 are kept up to date as far as possible and additional information added each year. Most of the properties which have not been inspected (about 450) are agricultural dwellings and larger-type houses. The position at the end of the year is shown in the following tables :—

No. of Houses surveyed	Classification			
	1	2	3	5
4645	1881	1266	1361	137

Notes on Classification :

Class 1—Houses fit in all respects.

Class 2—Houses requiring minor repairs.

Class 3—Houses where structural repairs or alterations are required.

Class 5—Houses not capable of being rendered fit at a reasonable expense.

DETAILS OF SANITATION.

No. of Houses surveyed	No. without Internal water supply	No. without Scullery Sinks	No. with W.C.'s	No. with dry Closets	No. without Baths
4645	63	134	4367	278	946
(2956)	(625)	(568)	(1829)	(1101)	(1673)

The figures in brackets show the position when the survey was completed in 1949 and indicate that there has been a slow but steady improvement in the sanitation of the houses generally since then.

With the aid of Improvement Grants and the completion of sewerage schemes the number of houses without internal water, sinks, baths, and water closets should rapidly decrease.

Unfit Houses.

There were 137 Class V houses in the district, compared with 147 in 1967. A large number of the unfit houses are in the coastal villages and are used as weekend or holiday cottages, and a number are being reconditioned with the aid of Improvement Grants.

Repairs and Improvements.

Twenty-seven houses were improved with the aid of Discretionary Improvement Grants at a cost of £7,818, and forty-seven houses with the aid of Standard Improvement Grants at a cost of £6,123 6s. 10d. In 1967 the number of Grants made was 32 Discretionary and 42 Standard. Of the 74 houses improved during the year 20 were tenanted and 54 were owner-occupied.

Up to the end of the year the total number of Grants approved by the Council was:—

556 Discretionary Grants at a total cost of £125,107 16s. 8d.

241 Standard Grants at a total cost of £27,666 11s. 7d.

The average cost per dwelling on Discretionary Grants is now £289, 11s. 1d., and for Standard Grants £130 5s. 8d.

Moveable Dwellings.

There are 86 licensed Caravan Sites in the area, accommodating a maximum number of 952 caravans. Of these sites, 28 have six or more caravans stationed on the site. All the caravans are used for holiday purposes between 1st March and 31st October, and there are no residential sites in the area. All the main sites are equipped with ablution blocks with water closets, wash hand basins, showers, hot water, laundry sinks, etc. No complaints were received during the year. The Council took successful proceedings against one user of an unauthorised Caravan Site.

There is still an unfulfilled demand for sites to accommodate caravans requiring "night halts," as the present tendency is towards overcrowding existing sites, especially in the holiday period.

New Houses.

Twenty-six new houses were built by the Council.

Forty-three new houses were built by private enterprise.

Council Houses.

At the end of the year the number of Council houses in the district was 645 and included in this figure were 98 old people's bungalows.

There were 262 applications for Council houses on the Register at the end of the year, 152 of which were from applicants outside the Council's area.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Ice Cream.

Seventy-seven premises were registered for the sale of ice cream. All the premises are supplied with ice cream from manufacturers outside the Council's area, except one small shop mixing a "Cornish Ice Cream" in an automatic freezer.

Meat and Other Foods.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the district, both of which are privately owned. The larger slaughterhouse is at Egton and slaughtering takes place each day except Wednesday and Sunday, while the smaller slaughterhouse is part of a Bacon Factory at Ugthorpe, where slaughtering takes place one day per week.

All the animals killed at these two slaughterhouses during the year were inspected. The number of visits to the Slaughterhouses during 1968 was 556 and the number of animals slaughtered 9,163, a decrease of 409 on the 1967 figure.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. Killed	990	154	44	4479	3496
No. Inspected	990	154	44	4479	3496
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :					
Whole Carcases					
Condemned	1	8	15	46	5
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	130	61	1	482	324
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	13.23	44.80	36.36	11.79	9.41
Tuberculosis Only :					
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuber- culosis	—	—	—	—	.14
Cysticercosis :					
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	4	1	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage affected	.50	.65	—	—	—

Condemned Food.

The quantity of foods of various kinds condemned during the year is given below.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

	T.	Cwts.	Qrs.	St.	Lbs.
Meat	2	13	3	—	—
Offal	1	7	1	1	5
Uncooked Ham ...				1	8
Tinned Ham					2
	4	1	1	1	1

Slaughterhouses.

There are two slaughterhouses in the area. The slaughterhouse at Egton caters for local butchers and the wholesale market, and the smaller slaughterhouse at Ugthorpe is part of a bacon factory.

Slaughtermen.

There are 38 Slaughtermen licensed under the Slaughter of Animals Acts 1933 and 1954, mostly for the purpose of slaughtering cottagers' pigs.

Food Premises.

The food premises consist of the types stated below :—

	No. of Premises.	No. with hand washing facilities.	No. needing facilities for washing food and equipment.	No. provided with such facilities.
Provisions	62	62	53	53
Sweets	8	8	6	6
Fruit and Vegetables ...	4	4	4	4
Bread and Cakes	3	3	3	3
Butchers	13	13	13	13
Dairies	3	3	3	3
Fried Fish Shops	5	5	5	5
Licensed Premises	49	49	49	49
Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	14	14	14	14
Cafes	25	25	25	25
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Total	186	186	175	175
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Premises used in connection with the manufacture, storage or sale of ice cream, preserved food, etc., were registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, as follows :—

Ice Cream Premises	77
Butchers' Shops	13
Fish Frying	5
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The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The following tables give details of registrations and visits with regard to premises inspected in accordance with the provisions of the above Act.

	No. of premises registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year.
Offices	—	7	—
Retail Shops	1	44	—
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	—	—	—
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	—	17	3
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—	—
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	1	68	3
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Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises was 4.

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed	
	Males	Females
Offices	16	10
Retail Shops	34	73
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses ...	—	—
Catering Establishments open to Public, Canteens	29	72
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—
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	79	155
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Total Males	79	} <hr/> 234 <hr/>
Total Females	155	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rodent Control.

The Council's Rodent Operator dealt with 64 premises which were infested with rats and mice, involving 74 treatments, and a total of 516 visits were made. All the sewerage systems were test-baited, but no rat infestations were found.

Factories.

There are 36 Factories on the Register, of which 35 use mechanical power and one does not. All the factories are small village businesses. 13 inspections were made during the year.

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Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Number of Written Occupiers notices prosecuted	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	1	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	35	9	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	6	3	—	—
Total	42	13	—	—

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”.)

Particulars		Number of cases in which defects were found :			
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable tempera- ture (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not in- cluding offences relating to Out- work)	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	1	1	—	—	—

There are no Outworkers in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Water Supplies	14
Drainage	500
Refuse Collection	215
Refuse Disposal	91
Salvage	17
Food Inspection	556
Food Premises	29
Housing	566
Nuisances	223
Camp Sites	114
Public Conveniences	208
Factories	13
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises ...	4
Petroleum Storage	6
Infectious Diseases	25
Disinfestation	3
Rodent Control	5
Ice Cream	2
Miscellaneous	35
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